

Singers sought for Choral Society

All interested singers in the Wabash Valley are invited to the Terre Haute Choral Society's first rehearsal of the season at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 in Room 318 of the Fine Arts Building, Seventh and Chestnut streets. Additional rehearsals are planned Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9 and 14.

For the past 13 years, the Choral Society has performed two major works a year. Prior to that, for several years Lowell Mason Tilson directed a chorus for an annual presentation of "The Messiah" which included not only college students but community singers as well. Later, a Choral Union was formed at Indiana State University which produced two major vocal works yearly and included students and members of the community. After this was discontinued for a few years, Ann Mason organized nine vocal musicians, and with the assistance of Robert Houchell, initiated the all community project, the Terre Haute Choral Society.

This year's winter program will be Dec. 15 at Tilson Music Hall. Selections will include works by Haydn, Handel and Ades.

Houchell will return as director for the group. Coordinator of the voice and choral division at ISU, Houchell has also directed ISU's Madrigal Singers, choral and opera workshops on campus, the First Congregational Choir and Community Theater musicals.

Martha Krasnican will serve as pianist this year.

For information call 232-6257.



Choral Society members Robert Houchell, Stanley Petrulis and Martha Krasnican.

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Terre Haute Choral Society

J. H. Cystic Fibrosis Assoc.

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**Papantonio is
new chairman
of Task Force**
Associations (WV)

John McDonough, president of the Indiana Chapter of the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Angie Papantonio as chairman of the Terre Haute Cystic Fibrosis Task Force. Mrs. Papantonio, a parent of a child who has cystic fibrosis, is a member of the faculty at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School. "The State Chapter is extremely pleased that Angie has accepted the challenge of organizing a task force in the Terre Haute area," said Mr. McDonough. "The organization of such a group in the Wabash Valley brings us nearer to our goal of developing a task force in each of Indiana's ninety-two counties."

Mrs. Papantonio explained that the reasons for founding county task forces are to carry out fund raising efforts to pay for research into the cause and treatment of cystic fibrosis, to fund the operation of Cystic Fibrosis Centers (such as the ones at Riley Hospital and Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, who serve local patients), and to serve as an educational and supportive resource for individuals and families whose lives are touched by the disease.

An organizational meeting to establish the Terre Haute task force has been scheduled for this Monday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton Center, 620 Eighth Avenue (in Terre Haute). Mrs. Juanita Johnson, Executive Director of the Indiana Chapter of the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, will be a featured guest at the meeting and will be assisting in the formation of the group. Mrs. Papantonio stresses that this meeting is open to all interested persons and that the task force is being established to serve not only Vigo County, but the surrounding counties of Clay, Parke, Sullivan and Vermillion as well.

Cystic Fibrosis is the number one genetic killer of children and young adults in the United States. It is a disease which primarily affects the respiratory and digestive systems causing chronic lung infections and malnutrition. It is passed to the child through inherited recessive genes. This means that both the mother and the father must be carriers of the gene. Unfortunately, at the present time no test is available to detect whether or not an individual is a carrier. Therefore, the one in twenty Americans whose genetic make-up is so affected are unknown, symptom-free carriers of the cystic fibrosis gene.

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TALENTED ARTISTS—Phil "Pinky" Powell, left, art consultant, and Jerry Doolittle, artists at Terre Haute Engraving, prepare art work for a national magazine cover.

T.H. Engraving Recognized Nationally for Art Work

Terre Haute Engraving, 648 Walnut St., has established an excellent reputation throughout the midwest and United States because of its creative work for magazines, catalogues, brochures, ads, labels, package designs, letterheads and cards.

The skilled craftsmen in the five specialized departments at Terre Haute Engraving constantly update their own particular field. The firm is recognized by all in the trades as one of the most modern and best-equipped engraving plants.

During an interview this week, we learned from Phil "Pinky" Powell, of the art department, that this division of the firm does four-color art separation work. This means if a client comes in with an idea,

the firm's specialists go to work on the creative designs, layouts, finished art works and typesetting composition for the art job.

Upon completion of the art work, it is then taken to the engraving department where negatives for offset printing, negatives for screen process printing, and engravings for letterpress printing are completed.

The firm also makes engravings for flexo printing on polyethylene for bags, dry goods, etc. The typesetting department sets typesetting composition for magazines, etc.

During the past year, Terre Haute Engraving created and started making rubber stamps known as "The Best Damp Stamp on Earth." This creation has grown by leaps and bounds. The stamp does not need an ink pad as it will make thousands of very legible impressions without re-inking. The slight pressure gives a clear impression. If a speck of dust or lint blurs the stamp face, it can be cleaned by dampening a soft cloth or tissue

with water and lightly brushing the printing surface. If the imprint begins to fade after making thousands of impressions, a few drops of ink applied to the face of the stamp will slowly supply maximum absorption.

Type selection at Terre Haute Engraving includes many languages such as Nordic, Germanic, Latin, French, Spanish, United Kingdom and the "jargon" often heard today.

The firm is proud of the fact that each employee takes great pride in his own work and skill, both working as a team or an individual. They take great pride in each finished product.

Terre Haute Engraving stresses prompt service as well as quality products. The talents of its skilled staff are always available to clients who need assistance.

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TERRE HAUTE ENGRAVING CO. ENTRANCE—Inside this entrance is one of the most complete engraving plants in the midwest. Artists and skilled printers combine to provide customers quality work for publications and business promotions.

Terre Haute Engraving Co. Gives Personalized Service

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The Terre Haute Engraving Co. continues a tradition begun in 1953. Minnie Fawley and her brother, Earl Travioli, had operated it for several years. Mrs. Fawley retired in 1959 and her brother sold his interest to Jean Lowry, office manager. Jean Lowry and Charles Lowry and Phil (Pinky) Powell own the firm, which originated at 9th and Chestnut streets.

Subsequent locations have been at 7th and Ohio, and the Spectator Building at 9th and Poplar, which was the old Terre Haute Brewery, and at the present location, 648 Walnut St., which has been its home since 1954.

black and white line and halftone plates, and commercial art. Equipment to produce such quality work is of the best, and takes the guess work out of making engravings. One of the major products is flexigraphic printing, which is done on plastic.

Consultant service on layout and design is available and frequently used, because customers of Terre Haute Engraving Co. are usually printing magazines, labels, brochures, ads and job printing orders. In every case, it's the personalized service which keeps them in business.

One of the newer products is the Stamp Pad, which is designed with the customer's "logo" or special imprint. The stamp does not need an ink pad and makes thousands of legible imprints without re-inking.

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new co-op store open

An expanded Terre Haute Food Co-op recently opened a new store-front office at 11 S. Ninth St. It was formerly located in the basement of 701 College St.

Bob Hanon, Jerry Coleman, Harvey Cabak and Mike Stewart all members of the co-op, reported that their organization started in December, 1971 with 54 members. Plannigg meetings were conducted prior to the opening of the co-op. Presently, there are 85 members in the organization.

Among the foods offered for sale by the co-op are fruits such as apples, tomatoes, zucchini and watermelon. Potatoes, onions, cabbage, green peppers, cucumbers, , corn and carrots are the vegetables offered for sale. Dry popcorn, sea salt, brown rice, dry milk, honey, raisins, peanuts and oats.

Hanon described the procedure for becoming a co-op member. Once a person is satisfied with the offerings of the co-op, he pays a two dollar membership fee. He is then entitled to purchase food at the co-op at discount prices.

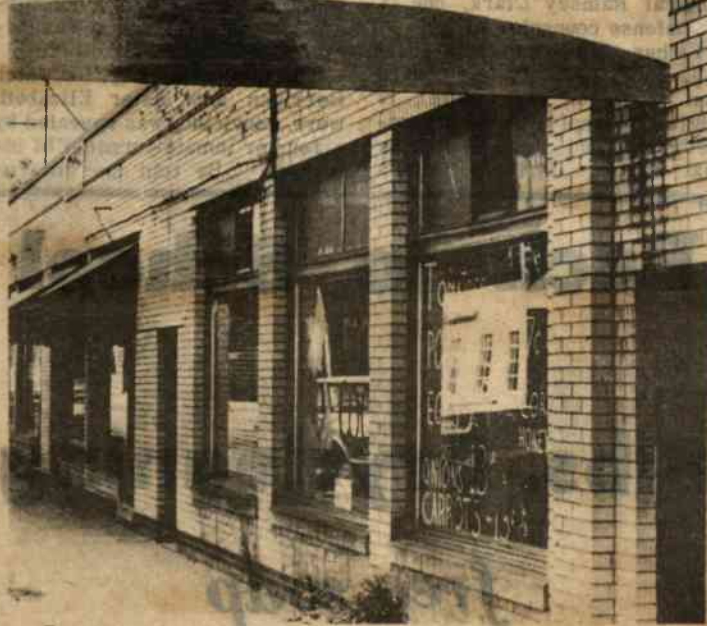
According to Hanon, the staple food is supplied by local wholesalers and the organic items are purchased from "Food for Life in Chicago," and are sold at a 10 per cent mark-up. The mark-up, Hanon noted pays for the expenses of operating the co-op. Food stamps are also accepted.

The co-op was described in a letter requesting food stamp authorization as "a non-profit, tax -exempt organization with the purpose of providing low-income people a dependable supply of inexpensive, nutritious food." Volunteer help is used to staff the co-op.

Cabak mentioned several recent developments and projects of the food service. This includes the authorization by the federal government to participate in the food stamp program. The facilities were recently inspected by the health and weights and measures authorities. Cabak noted that some violations discovered by the inspectors have been corrected.

One service which Cabak would like to institute is a delivery program for residents of the Dresser area and for people on social security. The food would be delivered to a central location. Members living in the area would recieve their purchases at the delivery point.

FOOD CO-OP



By Kevin Swank

the community with a clothing exchange in which a person can trade unwanted articles of apparel for other clothing items. There is also a pamphlet rack at the co-op office for commu-

nity groups as well as a bulletin board.

Those interested in joining the co-op, or desiring further information, should visit the office at 11 S. Ninth St.

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Terre Haute Food Co-op

One of Indiana's Oldest Clubs Celebrates Anniversary Here

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Celebrating seventy years of continuous membership programs, the Terre Haute Literary Club is the second oldest organization of its kind in the state.

And several members of the local group believe they have tracings of the club activity in 1879, which would match the record of the Minerva Club of Indianapolis. They are engaged in research to establish the claim.

The anniversary meeting was conducted at the Fairbanks Library during the past week as historic documents connected with the club were displayed and members eulogized the early founder and members of the organization.

The first book of minutes dating from January 3, 1881, is an interesting volume. The constitution and by-laws were exacting, declaring that if a member did not prepare a paper to be read as scheduled, he forfeited his membership. Also, two unexcused absences would also have the same effect.

The handsome penmanship of the early scholars is characteristic of the minute books. Among the signatures were those of Harry P. Baker, W. C. Smallwood, Spencer F. Ball.

Wiley, Papers.

The scores of papers by Superintendent W. H. Wiley of the city schools further testifies to the prolific pen of one of the city's distinguished citizens.

Executed beautifully in his handwriting, the range of subjects covered by Mr. Wiley is astounding. In 1883, one paper read by him was titled "The Elizabethan Period." In 1887 he writes on "The Safe American Citizen" as he reviews the past and present of the young democracy.

He declared in part: "We are

prone to think that every trouble and hardship incident to human life can be legislated out of existence. We demand of our law-makers that by their 'be it enacted' every evil shall depart from our borders, and yet our experiences teaches us that we are not unfrequently enlarge our grievance. With the view of relieving ourselves of some inconvenience—some real or fancied burden—we conclude that law can take the place of self dependence, foresight, and intelligent energy, and only too late discover our mistake. Legislation which gives one man, or class, or community, advantage over others in those things which go to make up true living is dangerous legislation."

"The people are the government," he adds "and its character takes color and form from them."

Now being copied and added to the Fairbanks Library's collection of war diaries is a paper presented in 1918 by Mr. Wiley on Terre Haute in the Civil War.

Founder Honored.

Also presented for the anniversary meeting were comments by A. R. Markle on Judge William Gray Mack, founder of the Terre Haute Literary Society. Mr. Markle used a paper by Grace E. Davis of the library staff. Miss Davis is the

daughter of Sidney M. Davis, one of the leading figures in the society. The two families were neighbors, and Miss Davis' paper is based on personal observations and recollections.

She writes that Judge Mack had been a precocious child, starting to school at the age of four. During his youth he worked on the family farm and at the age of twenty-one entered Farmer's College in 1848. In 1850 he went to Ballston Spa, near Saratoga Springs, N. Y., to attend the New York State and National Law School, and later attended Cambridge Law School.

He soon attained prominence among lawyers of western Indiana, Miss Davis continues. He was elected in 1870 on the democratic ticket to the House of Representatives of the legislature and became speaker. He was Circuit Court judge from 1884-1890. He was a close friend of Chauncey Rose and assisted with the incorporation of Rose Polytechnic Institute, serving on the board until his death. For 40 consecutive years he was a vestryman of St. Stephen's Church. He served as a member of the commission which established Highland Lawn Cemetery, and it was his desire to have all graves level. At his death in 1898 he was buried in the cemetery he helped to create.

Earlier Founding.

Miss Davis writes: "Always a student, a discriminating reader and a lover of travel, he believed that every man should have some outlet from the routine of life. This theory prompted the founding of the Terre Haute Literary Society in 1879. As the originator and one of the four original members, he became its first president. He fairly dragged into it, younger men, who he felt, would benefit by it. At first the membership was limited to twenty-four members. This was later increased to thirty-five. Meetings were held on Monday evenings during the season, at the homes of the members. After the completion of the Normal School building the meetings were held there for many years. Guests were not admitted originally, but later they were permitted when Colonel Thompson read a paper. My own first attendance was to hear Colonel Thompson read a paper on the bones of Columbus. They seemed to be peripatetic remains. Later on when the meetings were thrown open to the public I frequently attended them.

"I remember hearing father say that Judge Mack preferred the word society in the title of the organization rather than club. Presumably because of the dictionary definition. "A number of persons united together by a common consent to debate, determine and act

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CLUBS (W.V.) TERRE HAUTE LITERARY CLUB



HELP PRESERVE LOCAL HERITAGE — A Bicentennial project of the Terre Haute Board of Realtors, "Make America Better," was completed with the presentation Friday of a check for life membership in the Vigo County Historical Society. Shown in front of the museum at 1411 S. 6th St., are Zoe Parks and Janice McHargue, co-chairmen of the committee, and Aron Royer, president of the realtors organization, who presented the check to museum curator Dorothy Jerse.

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Realtors Aid Historical Museum

The Terre Haute Board of Realtors Friday presented a check to the Vigo County Historical Society for a life membership in the Terre Haute museum.

The presentation was made in honor of the Bicentennial observance and was one of several projects sponsored by

the board's "Make America Better" committee.

The Terre Haute Board of Realtors has been responsible for scholarships, tree plantings and several other city wide events that have won them national recognition.

Officers of the organization are Aron Royer, president;

Larry Helman, vice president, and Louise Nattkemper, secretary-treasurer.

The "Make America Better" committee is co-chaired by Zoe Parks and Janice McHargue.

In addition to purchasing a life membership the board will plant a tulip poplar, the state tree, on the grounds of the museum at 1411 S. 6th St.

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Realtors Honor 8 Members

Eight members of the Terre Haute Board of Realtors were honored Thursday night for their many years of realtor experience.

For the first time, the local board presented pins in recognition of membership, ranging from 25 years to 44 years.

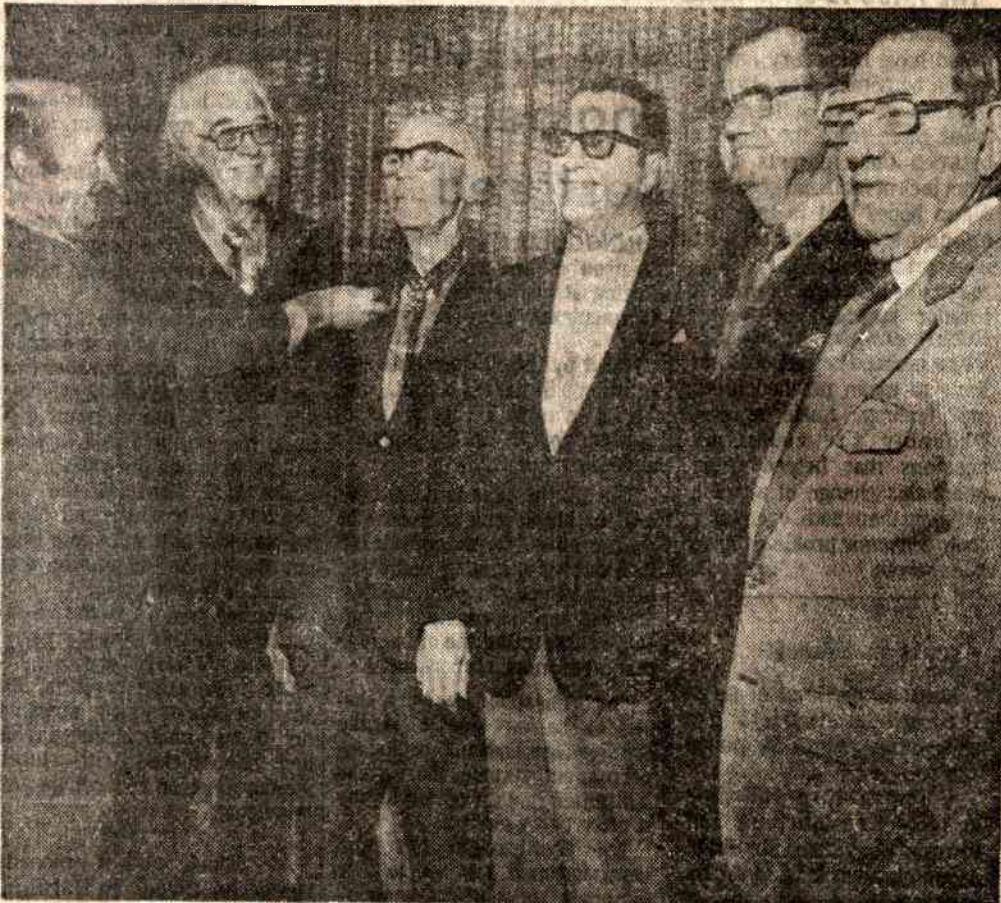
Board President Aron L. Royer made the presentation at the first meeting of the year, held at the Sheraton Inn. Recipients included Bert O. Williams, 38 years, Carl N. Miller Sr., 42 years, John C. Figg, 40 years, Bob Noe, 44 years, and John Branam, 40 years.

Paul Pfister, Harold F. Harrison and Clifton Hyatt were eligible for 25-year pins, but were unable to attend.

The Terre Haute Board of Realtors, Inc., is one of the most active in the state. The late Walter H. Maehling authored the Indiana Real Estate License Law, and Figg was with the Maehling agency for 22 years before starting his own firm. Figg has also been vice president of the 6th District Board, as well as state treasurer.

Miller was one of the first State of Indiana real estate commissioners, having been appointed by the governor. He and Williams are past presidents of the Indiana Association of Realtors.

Branam is a past president of the local group. Bob Noe is the oldest active member of the Terre Haute Board of Realtors.



REALTORS HONORED — Aaron L. Royer, left, president of the Terre Haute Board of Realtors, presented pins to five members who have a combined total of 204 years membership in the organization, at a dinner meeting held Jan. 8 in the Sheraton Inn. Present for the occasion were, left to right: Royer; Bert O. Williams, Carl N. Miller Sr., John Figg, John Branam and Bob Noe.

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TERRE HAUTE REALTORS installed new officers Monday evening during a dinner-meeting at the Elks Country Club. Participants included, from the left, first row, Joe Boleman, president of the state organization; Larry Helman, president of the local group; Louise Natkemper, vice president of the Terre Haute organization; Fran Eiseman, 1975 Realtor-of-the-Year; Dick Gibbs, Sixth District vice president; Bert Williams Jr., secretary-treasurer of the Terre Haute group; and back row, John Figg; Aron Royer, outgoing president, and Ferril Resinger, a former president.

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**Women
Realtors**

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New officers for 1976-1977 were installed by the local chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors during a luncheon at the Cottage Inn Wednesday.

The Terre Haute Council is a member of the National Association of Realtors and works in conjunction with the Terre Haute Board of Realtors. There are 14 members locally who meet monthly to hear various speakers and engage in seminars for the professional and educational growth of women realtors.

Martha White, a real estate agent for J. B. Pfister Company, organized the Terre Haute chapter and served as its first President five years ago. There are 464 women members statewide

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 2, 1976



OFFICERS INSTALLED — Larry Helman, President of the Terre Haute Board of Realtors, greets newly elected officers of the Women's Council of Realtors. Installed at a Wednesday luncheon were, from the left, Millie Lowler, Vice-President; Gladys Christen, Treasurer; Janice McHargue, President; and Betty Smith, Secretary.

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**T.H. Realtors
To Install
New Officers**
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The Terre Haute Board of Realtors annual installation of officers will take place at a 6:30 p.m. dinner on Monday at the Terre Haute Elks Country Club.

Ed Canan, president of the Indiana Association of Realtors, will install the local officers. They are, James E. Brown, president; Arron Royer, vice president; and Larry Helman, secretary-treasurer.

John C. Figg will be the master of ceremonies and the executive vice president Ferril Ressinger for the state association will give an informal talk. Also attending the dinner will be Frances Eiseman of Evansville, governor of the Indiana Women's Council.

Canan, (G.R.I., C.R.B.) has been active in board and association work for some 18 years, serving on numerous board committees as well as holding offices including board president.

He has served on the education committee, the membership committee and was fourth district vice president. He was also Indiana State Chairman of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers.

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THE TRIBUNE, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1978



NEW OFFICERS — The Terre Haute Board of Realtors recently elected new officers for the coming year. They include, seated in front, Bert Williams Jr., and Louise Nattkemper; standing in back, Dick Sowash, state president from Anderson; Tom Newlin, Paul Cronkhite, Ferril Ressinger, vice president of the state association; John C. Figg and Larry Helman. House of Photography

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ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—The Terre Haute Board of Realtors Auxiliary held their annual installation during a luncheon meeting at the Best Western Motel on Wednesday. Shown with Bert Williams, Jr., President of the Terre Haute Board of Realtors, are the officers for the coming year, from left: Janice Meyer, Branam-Williams, Treasurer; Pat Anslinger, Newlin-Johnson, Vice President; Betty Smith, Pfister, President and Becky Myers, Century 21/Thompson-Kirchner, Vice President.



PEN CEREMONY—Past presidents of the Terre Haute Board of Realtors Auxiliary were awarded pens in recognition of their services. The ceremony took place at the Wednesday luncheon meeting of the Auxiliary. Pictured from left are: Janice McHargue, Zoe Parks and Millie Lawler.

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**Realtors' Board
to install officers**

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New officers and board members of the Terre Haute Board of Realtors, Inc. will be installed Monday at an evening meeting scheduled for the Elks Country Club.

Outgoing president Bert Williams, Jr. will welcome Tom Newlin as president, Paul Cronkhite, vice president, and Janice McHargue as secretary/treasurer. New board members are Carl Helman, Leo Followell, and Howard Junker.

Delbert D. Ludlow, new president of the Indiana Association of Realtors, and executive vice president Farrel Ressinger will be special guests at the event. John C. Figg will serve as master of ceremonies.

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Realtors honored for service

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Terre Haute Board of Realtors honored 21 of its members for long-time service to the group during a dinner-meeting Thursday evening at the Holiday Inn, board president Brian Conley said.

Receiving recognition for 20 years or more service on the board were James Brown, Vern Cook, Earl Rogers, Richard T. Conley Sr., John T. Newlin, George Johnson, George Rogers, Jack Parks, William Underhill, Carl N. Miller Jr., John Figg, Bob Noe, Charles Dunlap, Paul Pfister, Robert A. Pfister, Thomas Francis, Howard Potter, Bert O. Williams, Thomas Branson, Byron Brown and Lew Van Reed Jr.

Guest speaker was Ron Figg, a certified residential broker and a member of Graduate Realtors Institute

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Local board of realtors installs new president

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Brian Conley was installed as president of the Terre Haute Board of Realtors for 1983-1984 recently at the Elks Country Club.

Other officers installed were Leo "Tate" Followell, vice president, and Bill Bitzegaio, secretary-treasurer.

Installed as directors are Carl Helman, Zoe Parks, Janice McHargue, Betty Smith, Joyce Cook, Howard Junker and Gary Gibson. Louise Nattkemper will serve as executive officer.

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**Zaikovsky tabbed
as political chairman**

Rick Zaikovsky has been appointed local chairman of the Realtors Active in Politics Committee, Tate Followell, president, Terre Haute Board of Realtors, announced recently.

Zaikovsky has kicked off the local voter registration drive called "Register Five ... for Freedom," a nonpartisan project sponsored by the National Association of Realtors through its Realtors Active in Politics program.

The project asks each Realtor and Realtor-associate to urge at least five persons to register and vote in the November general election.

In making the announcement, Followell said, "The appointment of Rick Zaikovsky reflects his continuing contribution and service both as a professional Realtor and

as a concerned citizen."

Zaikovsky's qualifications include having been active in Vigo County politics for several years, Followell said.

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Terre Haute Board of Realtors installs officers, names 'Realtor of the Year'

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JOHN C. FIGG

Local realtor John C. Figg of the John C. Figg Agency was named "Realtor of the Year" by the Terre Haute Board of Realtors, Inc. at last week's annual installation of officers event.

Former president of the Terre Haute Realtor's Board, Figg has held many offices on both the local and state levels. Most recently he was appointed to the nominating committee which selected the new president of the Indiana Association of Realtors, Delbert D. Ludlow.

New officers include Tom Newlin, president, succeeding Bert Williams Jr. in that post; Janice McHargue, secretary/treasurer; and Paul Cronkhite.

Also installed at last week's meeting as new board members were Carl Helman, Leo Followell, and Howard Junker.



New officers

The Terre Haute Board of Realtors, Inc., recently installed new officers. Tom Newlin, left, will serve as president. Bert Williams, Jr. is the outgoing president, Janice McHargue, new secretary/treasurer of the organization, and Paul Cronkhite, vice president. Also installed at last week's meeting as new board members were Carl Helman, Leo Followell, and Howard Junker.

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Clubs (WU)

Flying in
'30s: Not
safety as
we know it

First of two articles

"Flying was not exactly safe some 20 years ago," Charles E. Piety observed in a paper he presented to the Terre Haute Literary Club in 1929,

In reviewing landmark events in the development of aviation in Terre Haute, Piety cited instances of pilots who had visited here and who later died in crashes.

Of course, Piety knew that flying was still "not exactly safe." He was not a pilot himself, but still was a pioneer promoter of local aviation.

To persuade Terre Haute that it could become "one of the leading aviation centers in the Middle West," he sought to inform the town's people about the latest

advances in technology that were evident in present-day air ships. He also sought to reassure them about the training and skill of a second generation of flyers.

In a second paper to the club, in December 1931, Piety's appeal carried emotional ballast. To impersonal facts and figures he yoked private feelings and responses that he experienced during a particular flight above the city with pilot friend Paul Cox.

Piety needed all his powers of persuasion. Aug. 10, 1930, before a huge holiday crowd, two young Terre Hauteans collided over Dresser field, south of the city, at the start of an air race. Bernard Allen and Arthur Foulkes lost their

From the archives



Harris has been archivist at the Vigo County Public Library since 1978.

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By Lois Harris
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lives in the accident.

The city was stunned, but within half an hour of the crash Paul Cox was taking passengers up over the

city in his Barling monoplane, which was exactly like the plane Allen was flying at the time of the crash. And so Cox quenched the fear, just as war pilots who took to the skies immediately after a fellow flyer was shot down.

Cox was a World War I ace, having answered the first call for air servicemen. He had been a pilot instructor and a pursuit pilot in France. He had fought in many air battles, winning government recognition after one of them for outstanding service.

Upon his return to Terre Haute in 1919, Cox joined his father in an auto supply business. But he never gave up his interest in flying. He soon had his own plane, and he was

active in organizing and flying in racing competitions.

In the 1920s Cox and Piety were among the aviation enthusiasts who in the absence of city initiative helped form a commercial corporation known as Terre Haute Airways to keep alive a burgeoning community interest in air transportation. They were two of the company's seven directors. Cox was president and Piety was legal counsel.

In the early 1930s the city absorbed Terre Haute Airways and equipped Dresser Field as the first municipal airport. Piety and Cox continued to seek support for enlarging the aviation's role in the city.

T. H. Literary Club

Seeing clouds from both sides

T.H. Literary Club
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SEP 29 1985
'We were over the top,' aviation pioneers

Charles E. Piety's "implicit confidence in Paul Cox's ability and judgment in the air," grew out of his knowledge of Cox's experience and a friendship based on shared goals.

The trip that became the subject of Piety's second paper on aviation to the Terre Haute Literary Club in 1931 occurred one gray Sunday afternoon. Cox had telephoned to propose "some cloud bursting." Although Piety had flown with Cox on a number of "excursions," he had never received an invitation like this one.

Cox explained: "This is a good day to fly through the clouds to see how the top side looks," adding casually, "If you want to go, I'll have the ship ready in about 30 minutes."

Piety jumped at the offer, hurrying through his noon meal to arrive as quickly as possible at Dresser Field.

The plane was on the line, the engine warming up. This four-place cabin monoplane inspired confidence. Its Wright Whirlpool engine had driven Lindbergh to Paris in 1927, and was providing "reliable power in the less spectacular but exacting air mail service." It had a top speed of 130 miles per hour.

Piety "fished" his camera out of the car's compartment as Cox motioned him to climb into the seat next to him.

For all his eagerness to get on with the "cloud busting" adventure that Sunday afternoon, Piety was attentive to details in the careful preparations for takeoff.

He told his audience at a meeting of the Terre Haute Literary Club, "After a time, the thermometer showed the oil was hot and Cox — after examining the sky to see that no plane was about to land — taxied south ... He tested each of the two magnetos with which the engine is equipped ... He locked the ship's wheels with his brakes and opened the throttle wide-out for the engine's final test."

After nosing the plane into the wind and "after a last look to be sure that no plane was about to land, he gave her the gun and we started rolling."

From the archives



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By Lois Harris
Special to The Tribune-Star

Airborne following a "perfect" takeoff, Piety exults in a new perspective: "We then settled back in our seats to enjoy the scenery which was spreading out below us like an enormous map. I have often wondered how much one has to be in the air to lose the thrill of leaving the ground. The sensation seems to be one of superiority over all earth-bound things. The ant-like automobiles crawling along at a mere 'fifty' seem so futile when you reflect on the 'hundred-odd' you are covering in comfort without road shocks, crossroads or traffic jams."

They climbed in wide circles. Cox, the host, pointed out familiar sights to his guest: "That wisp of fog is a cloud which we call scud. We shall see more of that as we climb; but the real clouds that we are shooting at are still a long way off — higher than I thought when we left the ground."

Piety builds suspense: "The altimeter progressively showed 5,000, 5,500, 6,000, 6,605 and 7,000 feet. As the hand touched the 7,000-foot mark, Paul remarked, 'It won't be long now.' He checked the stabilizer adjustment for rate of climb, and also his compass reading."

At 7,400 feet "we slipped silently into the cloud bank. There was no sensation except that visibility became zero. It was like being in an exceedingly heavy fog —

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Some dreams fulfilled; others not

Time proved the vision held by air pioneers Charles E. Piety and Paul Cox was rather too broad.

Terre Haute did not become one of the great air centers of the Midwest. But these men made history in bringing the city decisively into the air age.

Piety remained a member of the Aero Club he had helped organize in 1929. The club realized its purpose with the opening of Hulman Field in 1944.

Paul Cox fulfilled a different destiny that brought about the renaming of Dresser Field in a ceremony in his honor: Paul Cox Field. Only six months after Piety gave his paper on the cloud-bursting excursion, Cox crashed and was killed in a field near Farmersburg.

The cause of the crash was mechanical failure. He and his passenger, William R. Root, died instantly. It was a blow to the community and especially to promoters of aviation. Piety, who served as a pall bearer at Cox's funeral, must have felt the loss as keenly as anyone.

He was the messenger in one last act for the man in whom he had had unwavering trust.

Cox had been a member of the "Quiet

Birds," a group of former war aces and men active in the earliest days of aviation. They held no regular meetings but came together in some central place during air meets. In Chicago in 1930 they met in the loft of a barn.

Of the many insignia Cox was entitled to wear, the gold lapel button with the initials "Q.B." was the one he always chose. Whenever he changed his clothes he changed his button, too. It was a family joke. Paul wanted his "Q.B." button buried with him when he died.

After the crash the button could not be found.

With several telephone calls it was finally arranged that Maj. H. Weir Cook of Indianapolis, commander of an air squadron in the reserve force and a close friend of Paul's, would furnish a button.

The Saturday afternoon before the funeral for Cox on Sunday, "Major Cook alighted in his plane at Dresser Field where Charles E. Piety had gone to meet him. He landed the plane, handed the button to Piety, and then turned around and started back at once for Indianapolis."

the kind that limits your field of vision to the radiator cap on your automobile. The clouds were so dense that we could not see the wingtips. This was blind flying with emphasis on the blind."

At this time Piety's confidence in Cox mounts to absolute faith. "I was perfectly certain that the left wing was lower than the right one and the ship was slipping. Paul did not seem concerned about it; so I dismissed it as erroneous."

No sooner had he dismissed that worry than Piety found new cause for alarm. "Ice began to form on the leading edge of the wings and struts and also on

the windows. Paul was busy watching the compass to keep the plane straight. I tried looking out the windows but this was not entertaining on account of the impenetrable wall of clouds just on the other side of the shatter-proof glass."

These conditions sent Piety's attention back to the instrument board. He noted the "throttle next to the pilot's left elbow was wide open, the altimeter was stationary at 8,000 feet. I did not know

what the trouble was, but it was clear we were nearly stalled. I nudged Paul and asked what had happened."

Already aware of the problem, Cox

was turning a handle on the instrument board. The tachometer jumped to 1890, "showing that the motor was back on its job. I was puzzled and must have showed it, because Paul said, 'There is an auxiliary air-intake to be used in case the air cleaner gets iced up; I just opened it.'"

At 8,600 feet they broke through the top of the clouds "into clear unobstructed sunshine."

"We were over the top!" Piety writes. "The sun was shining brilliantly and its warm rays were welcome on the windows of our cabin because the air outside must have been near zero. The ice we picked up in the clouds was still with us, but the plane seemed to perform properly anyway."

Piety left fear in the massive gray gloom below. With the plane holding at 9,500 feet he looked down on a "seemingly limitless floor of fleecy clouds, which resembled a slightly rolling snow field." He thought of Admiral Byrd's antarctic photographs. He opened the nearest window and took some photographs of his own.

After some 20 minutes in this empyrean, Cox found a hole in the clouds through which he gradually spiraled the plane toward earth, with Piety becoming dizzier and dizzier. Obliging Cox changed the spiral from left to right for a while, then leveled off. His passenger was cured and felt normal during the remainder of the descent.

Piety describes a landing as well prepared for as the takeoff, with Cox close to the field kicking the tail back and forth a couple of times — "fish tailing" it — to lose speed. The landing was "perfect."

In concluding his talk to the Literary Club, Piety attempts to convey to his audience the thrill of an adventure he savored to the last moment: "While we were taxiing up to Paul's private hangar at the airport, I looked up at the clouds through the window in the top of the cabin. I had seen clouds like that many times but never before from the other side. I had been over the top!"

T. H. Motor Carriers

Motor Carriers Support Limits, Oppose Blocks

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The Terre Haute Motor Carriers Association Friday went on record in support of a 55-mile per hour uniform speed limit for both trucks and passenger vehicles.

William J. Sorrells, president of the association, in an afternoon news conference also said the group strongly opposes the blocking of highways by independent truckers as a means of calling attention to fuel shortages or high diesel prices.

"Fuel conservation by automobiles operating at reduced speeds is a proven fact. The fuel savings by tractor-trailer combinations is debatable and is still under investigation," Sorrells said.

Sorrells also said the local association commends Gov. Otis Bowen for his efforts in the present energy crisis.

Sorrells said the local association met and debated for nearly two hours Friday morning before taking a stand in support of the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit for both car and truck traffic.

Board members present during the two-hour meeting in addition to Sorrells were: Roger McDonald, vice president; Ben Walters, treasurer; Fred Ralston, secretary; and Edward Niemeyer, Don Eveo, James Dodson and Bill Doan.

President Nixon two weeks ago during a national televised broadcast asked that all Americans join in the effort to conserve gasoline. At that time he asked that all automobiles travel at 50 miles-per-hour, trucks at 55 miles-per-hour and that all gasoline stations close from 9 p.m. Saturday until midnight Sunday.

Truck drivers elsewhere in Indiana and across the country have staged blockage protests on busy inter-states, causing considerable traffic congestions. State police and national guard units have been called into service to arrest the drivers and move tractor-trailer rigs so traffic could move again.

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Commercial Motor - <i>org. 1928</i>	C-1393	Jim Maloney
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Gerard Motor Express	C-9411	J. B. Gibbon
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Hancock Trucking, Inc. - <i>org. 1930</i>	C-9689	Dale Wallenbrock
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Entry Deadline May 24—

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Transportation Man Or Woman Of The Year To Be Chosen Soon

Members of the Terre Haute Motor Carriers, Inc., will have the privilege of placing in nomination the names of persons who will be eligible for participation in the Transportation Man or Woman of the Year award, for National Transportation Week, which is currently going on.

The deadline for entries is May 24. A special panel of judges will choose the Transportation Man or Woman of the Year. The winner will be announced at the annual special banquet Tuesday, May 31, at the Elks Fort Harrison country club.

Certain things the judges will be looking for are length of

service, acts of heroism, contributions to the firm or the trucking industry, contributions to the benefit of the community and other commendable phases of performance.

During National Transportation Week, membership in Terre Haute Motor Carriers will be open with applications to be made with any of the organization's officers: Fred Hendricks, president; Harold Taylor, vice-president; Jerry Smith, treasurer; or Allan J. Willig, secretary. Transportation recognition entries should be sent to Fred Hendricks of Lovelace Trucking or Allan Willig of Trucks, Inc.

Members of the Terre Haute

Motor Carriers are: R.L. Baker of Baker Trucking; Walt Shake of A&H Truck Lines; Ray Feiler of Yellow Cab; James Eaudley of Farm Bureau Co-op Assn.; Al Eldred of Eldred Van & Storage; Ed Weston and Bill Kautz of Western Paper & Mfg.; Virgil Archer of Transport Motor Express; Ray Goddard of Terre Haute Truck Parts; Leon Taylor of Taylor Automotive; Don Stephens of D. R. Stephens Co.; Luke Dever of Dever Premium Distributing; Mark Ozier of Pfeifer Distributing; Ed Meats of Meats Trucking; Dave Levin of Dumas Salvage, Inc.; Bill Doan of Doan & Decker Ford Inc.; Eldon Wells of Distributors

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Booe of Clay City; Robert Johnston of R. F. Johnston Co.; Mike Moore of C. & M. Equipment; Morris Jenkins of Lynn Trucking; John Barcus of B & B Truck Parts; Ed Gauer of Bauermeister-Hegman; Bert Hartsock of Briggs Transportation; Robert Miller of Liquid Transports; Dale Hendrick and Fred Hendrick of Lovelace Trucking; Adub McLaren of McLaren Turck Lines; Gateway Transportation, U.S. Highway 40 W.; Hamilton of Indiana, Vincennes; Jerry Smith of Terre Haute Oil; Bill Price of Public Service Indiana; Harold Taylor of Terre Haute Chrysler and Herschel Lydarger of Froderman Chevy City.

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NEW OFFICERS of the Terre Haute Motor Carriers, Inc., were recently installed. They include from left, Jerry Smith, vice president; Harold Taylor, president; Tom Nacke, secretary, and Allan J. Willig, treasurer. The organization is currently accepting nominations of persons who will be eligible for participation in the Transportation Man or Woman of the Year Award in conjunction with National Transportation Week.

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Transportation Week —

Walters Transportation Man Of Year; FEC Official Speaks

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Ben Walters, an Eastern Express employe for the past 20 years, was named "Transportation Man of the Year" at the annual dinner Tuesday night of the Terre Haute Motor Carriers

Association at the Fort Harrison Elks Club

The event was part of the observance of National Transportation Week and was attended by about 100 individuals. The program included installation of officers and presentation of a plaque to retiring president Harry Hoover for his services during the past year.

He was succeeded by Fred Hendricks of Lovelace Trucking Co., who was vice president last year. Harold Taylor of Terre Haute Chrysler Plymouth, immediate past treasurer, became vice president. Allan Willig of All-Tran and last year's "Transportation Man of the Year" was named secretary, and Jerry Smith of Terre Haute Oil Co. was named treasurer. He had been secretary last year.

Walters, who was presented his award by Mayor William Brighton, had come to Eastern from the Greyhound Bus Co. for which he had been a driver. He worked in the line haul department at Eastern and in January was promoted to supervisor of line haul payroll.

Walters has been extremely active in the local Motor Carriers Association and in Masonic lodge work and civic activities. The citation noted that he was "devoted to his company and his community organizations and works extremely hard."

Guest speaker for the evening was N. Allen Andersen of Chicago, Ill., regional administrator for the Federal Energy Commission.

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Lt. Gov. Robert Orr Speaks Here On Transportation

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By CARL ORTH
Star Staff Writer

Speaking before an audience of trucking industry employees Monday night, Lt. Gov. Robert D. Orr balanced his comments on transportation equally between trucking, railroad, water and air services.

Orr also spoke of an economic development plan being formu-

lated by the state government to give Indiana communities "a road map" for choosing routes to greater prosperity.

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Also during the annual banquet of the Terre Haute Motor Carriers Association (THMCA) at Fort Harrison Elks Country Club, Allan J. Willig accepted the first Transportation Man of the Year award.

Willig is owner of Auto Truck Sales, All-Tran Transmission, Pride City Radiator and Big Four Wrecking Company.

THMCA officers for the 1975-76 year, including new president Harry Hoover of Easter Express Inc., were introduced before the organization which comprises four smaller groups.

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Welby M. Frantz, chairman of the Eastern Express board, talked on "Transportation. It's Development in Our Community."

"There isn't a transportation system that comes close (to comparing to that of the U.S.)." Frantz, past president of National Defense Transportation Association, remarked.

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In his speech, Orr entreated the audience of trucking executives and employees to recognize different modes of transportation better suited for different types of cargo.

"Certainly you wouldn't take a semi across the Atlantic Ocean without some kind of boat under it," Orr offered as an example. "That's an easy one (to understand)."

He opened with the story of a small boy who, after attend-

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ing church with his parents, asked his dad what a plaque represented.

"That's to commemorate all church members who died in the service," the father replied according to Orr. "Which one, the nine o'clock or eleven o'clock?" the youngster fired back.

As does the word service, explained the Evansville native, transportation means different things to different persons.

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While recognizing water transportation lies mostly undeveloped, Orr foresees this mode could be useful particularly since coal has made its way back into the national spotlight.

He mentioned a \$6 million appropriation by the Indiana General Assembly for installations at the Mt. Vernon Maritime Center which is scheduled for opening in summer.

Although coal exports trans-

ported along the Wabash could help ease the nation's balance of trade deficit, Orr admitted channelization of the Wabash "won't be the day after tomorrow no matter how much we hope."

Yet he still strongly supports the goals of the Wabash Valley Association having made a trip to Washington last week to testify to the importance of channelization before a House sub-committee.

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Concerning railroads, Orr pointed out that Indiana stands to lose only 500 miles of track now under a Department of Transportation federal plan instead of 2,300 miles as proposed in 1974.

"Last year we were shaking in our boots," Orr told The Star in comments before his speech. "(But now) the economic impact will not be serious."

The lieutenant governor stated half the 500 miles of track already had been abandoned. He credited Governor Otis R. Bowen's rail task force for much of the improvement in the situation.

In the economic development plan, says Orr, the state would simply suggest alternatives for communities but not force anything on them.

He hopes to see improved transportation systems added to Indiana's "package of goodies."

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Meanwhile, Harry Hoover, newly elected president of the Terre Haute Motor Carriers Association, expressed pride in the value of Junior Achievement program.

Unfortunately, Hoover points out, only 175,000 high school age students across the nation are involved in JA.

Echoing the words of W. R. Bryan, an executive director of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Hoover blasted the image of JA members as economic illiterates.

Hoover also called for more courses concerning free enterprise in schools, citing Arizona was the only state to have such a statute.

Out of 1,000 high school seniors surveyed, only four knew companies earn just four to five cents of profit on a dollar of sales.

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Also in observance of transportation week, IMTA has released the latest edition of "A Hoosier Lifeline," a pamphlet of facts on the trucking industry.

Statistics and facts, most from government agencies, include:

—The number of trucks per person in Indiana has increased from 23 in World War II to 7.8 today.

—A little more than 57 per cent of Indiana communities are completely dependent on trucks for surface transportation needs.

—In 1973, trucks paid over \$142 million, or over 43 per cent, of highway user taxes.

—One double trailer semi-truck pays as much state and federal highway user taxes as 21 medium size passenger cars.



TRANSPORTATION CONSCIOUS — Lt. Gov. Robert D. Orr (center) chats with Harry Hoover (left), recently elected president of the Terre Haute Motor Carriers Association, and Ben Walters, Eastern Express Inc. treasurer. In a speech during the second annual banquet of the association Monday night to kick off National Transportation Week, Orr stressed transportation means different things to different persons and revealed the state government is formulating an economic transportation development plan. (Photo by Kadel)

Local group takes off with plenty of fun-flying acrobatics

By Donna Christenberry
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

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Buzzing high above the field, Ron Pound's plane suddenly seemed on a collision course with another aircraft. Yet there was no danger, merely a illusion based on perspective.

Pound controlled his plane, a Contender, from a radio on the ground. The other plane, much higher in the air but seeming the same size because of distance, was a full-size passenger plane.

Sunday was a Fun Fly for the Terre Haute Radio-Control Club. The event was conducted off U.S. 41 near Pfizer. Experienced flyers in the group demonstrated their expertise at the throttle as they put their aircraft — many with a wingspan of 4 feet or more — through maneuvers. Tim Vencel was contest director and awarded points to the Sunday flyers.

For instance, during the "bomb drop," flyers had to dive, roll or loop to dislodge a beribboned piece of metal from atop the plane and drop it into a target area.

Acrobatics came to the forefront as the earth-bound pilots rolled and looped their planes in spirals high above the earth. The object was to do as many as possible within a limited time period.

In a third afternoon contest, a grid was marked on the landing field near the Pfizer plant and pilots guided the aircraft onto the grid as though it were an aircraft carrier.

One plane, a Protender owned by Gene Gray, Terre Haute, contained a tiny E.T. doll in the pilot's seat. When the engine was started, the oblong headshook sideways as if to indicate the extra-terrestrial preferred a different mode of transportation. The plane is part of Gray's fleet of 37.

Patti Beauchamp, Terre Haute, explained that Sunday's contests were only a sampling of contests of flying skill.

In limbo, a band is placed between two poles on the field. The band is first placed at 6 feet, and as the pilot makes a successful pass under the band, it is lowered. Beauchamp said at a field near Indianapolis, club members once saw a pilot skim under a band 18 inches above the ground.

In another event, called "Divorce or Murder," the pilot hands over the radio controls to a relative or close associate who usually has little flying skill. The object is to keep the plane aloft for two minutes or until the pilot has to snatch back the controls.

Night flights also occur, with fluorescent lighting on the planes aiding pilots in keeping track of the aircraft in the night sky.

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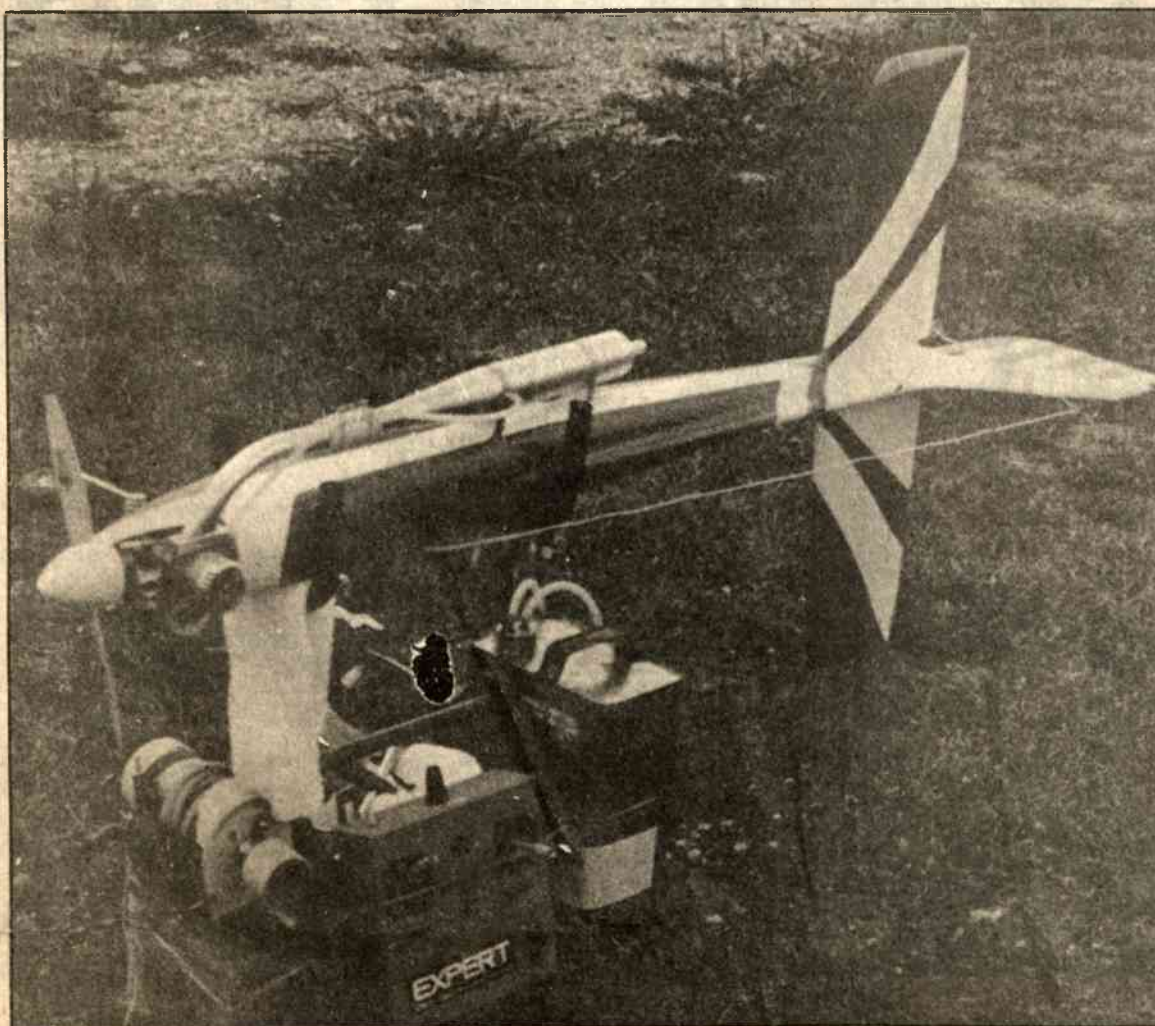
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Up, up and away



Tribune-Star/Donna Christenberry

Ready for takeoff: E.T. takes controls of miniature aircraft at club's Fun Fly.



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Gotta have these: Plane sits alongside battery, radio control and gas container.

Local Toastmasters offer help

By
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The meek *may* one day "inherit the earth" but in the meantime they will have to speak up for what they want.

No matter what the case, it's important to effectively communicate your position.

Toastmasters Club provides a training environment for persons interested in improving their communicative skills. The



non-partisan, non-sectarian club claims an international membership of more than one million people of various backgrounds.

According to the local chapter, toastmasters develop and improve skills in leadership, listening

STEWART critically and analytically, public speaking and using constructive criticism.

Members also become more confident in planning and conducting meetings.

Though a definite learning experience, Toastmasters is not a class. It's a club where the members learn by doing and are

encouraged to help each other.

Toastmasters clubs generally meet once per week for breakfast, lunch or dinner. The program begins with a brief business meeting, which helps to familiarize everyone with parliamentary procedure.

Members without specific assignments, practice "on-the-spot" speaking by giving a 1- to 2-minute, unprepared talk. Remaining members present 5- to 7-minute talks on subjects they've been assigned. The presentations are followed by an evaluation period, designed to constructively critique each speaker.

Toastmasters attempts to help its members improve their communication in business meetings, community affairs, job interviews, sales contacts, panel discussions, educational courses and telephone conversations.

The club, usually consisting of 30 to 40 men and women, also offers other benefits. "The Toastmaster" Magazine is a monthly publication available to each member. In addition, members may compete in the Toastmasters International Speech Contest.

A number of businesses, associations and governmental agencies provide in-house clubs for the employees. Some of the organizations associated with Toastmasters

include Amtrak, All-State Insurance, State Farm Insurance, Internal Revenue Service, Sears, Roebuck & Co. and United States Senate.

It often gives members the confidence and polish needed to take advantage of other opportunities, both in their personal lives and in business. Toastmasters also allows members the luxury of learning in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Weekly meetings offer no threat of competition, no worry of grades and no large financial investment to protect.

A "regular" public speaking course, offering information comparable to the Toastmasters Club may cost in excess of \$100. But the club offers the support without the cost.

For more information on Toastmasters Club, call Logan Smith, administrative vice president of Vigo 332 Toastmasters at 234-3726 ext. 245.

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